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SUBJECT: JULY 24 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

BANGKOK PAPER (7/24) REPORTS OVER 100 KHMERS CROSSED BORDER TUESDAY NIGHT, RAIDED VILLAGE, KILLED RANCHER, RETURNED TO CAMBODIA WITH 20 HEAD CATTLE (REUTER, BANGKOK). THAI BORDER RESIDENTS MAKE GOOD INCOME CARRYING GAS, DIESEL INTO CAMBODIA FOR SALE TO FUEL-SHORT KR (AP, BALTO N-A 7/23).

NEW SAIGON REGIME OFFERS INDUCEMENTS FOR RETURN TO LAND, GIVES SETTLERS TRANSPORTATION, RICE, SUBSISTANCE WAGES. OFFICIALS HOPE OVER HALF SAIGON'S 3 MILLION POPULATION WILK MOVE OUT; HEAVY PRESSURE APPLIED, BUT NO FORCE USED (UPI, NYT).

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CSM'S GODSELL REPORTS LIFE IN SAIGON INCREASINGLY AUSTERE SINCE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. WHILE NO BLOODBATH, SUSPICIONS GROWING THERE HAVE BEEN SELECTIVE EXECUTIONS. INTENSIVE "THOUGHT-REFORM" GOES ON INVOLVING LECTURES, SELF-

CRITICISM, CONFESSIONS. AFTER RECENT COURSE FOR 900 SENIOR PEOPLE, 150 FAILED RETURN HOME AND FAMILIES

REFUSED INFO. NON-RETURNEES POSSIBLY SENT SPECIAL LABOR CAMPS. ALSO FOOD SHORTAGES BECAUSE OF DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS, DISAPPEARANCE PRIVATE AUTOS DUE NON-AVAILABILITY OR HIGH PRICE OF GAS, CUTBACK IN ELECTRICITY TO 3-4 HRS DAILY IN SAIGON, LIMIT ON CHECKS INDIVIDUALS CAN DRAW AT BANK, INDOCTRINATION OF TEACHERS, SCATTERED RESISTANCE TO NEW RULERS IN BOTH TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE.

ELDERLY MANAGER VN'S LEADING TEXTILE FIRM ARRESTED FOR BEING CRUEL, EVIL AND HAVING EXPLOITED WORKERS UNDER OLD REGIME. CASE NOT UNIQUE, THOUGH RETALIATION ON ANY LEVEL LIMITED (UPI, WP).

IRS RECONSIDERS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE STATUS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO BACH MAI EMERGENCY HOSPITAL FUND, PREVIOUSLY REFUSED. NOW DONORS CAN RELY ON DEDUCTABILITY "UNLESS AND UNTIL IRS ANNOUNCES THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER DEDUCTIBLE" (NYT).

PHIL BULLETIN'S GIVENS (7/20) DESCRIBES ANNUAL MEETING NATL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES. SAYS MIA KIN CONVINCED US POWS STILL BEING HELD IN INDOCHINA, BELIEVE US OFFICIALS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO HELP. CONCLUDES WITH COMMUNIST REGIMES IN SVN, CAMBODIA, LAOS, CHANCES GETTING MIAS BACK MORE REMOTE.

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NGUYEN CAO KY HITS LECTURE TRAIL TO TELL US HOW WAR WAS LOST; SPOKE WITHOUT PAY TUESDAY BEFORE CH COMM AT ANAHEIM, CALIF, BUT FUTURE BOOKINGS WILL COST 2500 DOLS PER SHOT (AP PHINQ, BALTO N-A 7/23; WP). KY SAID WAR LOST BECAUSE MOST OF TIME POLITICIANS LIED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO PEOPLE, CORRUPTION WIDESPREAD, BAD SVN MIL LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL INJUSTICE, BAD ECONOMY (NYT; AP, CHITRIB).

FORMER GEN QUANG ASKED LEAVE CANADA AFTER CHECKS ON ALLEGATIONS HE WAS INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION, NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IN SVN. PROBLEM NOW FINDING COUNTRY WILLING ACCEPT HIM; NO INDICATION US WILLING; TAIWAN MAY BE POSSIBILITY. CANADA SAYS NO TIME LIMIT ON LEAVING, BUT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED STAY INDEFINITELY (REUTER, OTTAWA).

MAINE WILL SPONSOR 310 REFUGEES (GLOBE). PHILS BULLETIN'S GOLDWYN (7/20) DOES HUMAN INTEREST STORY ON BOY AT INDIANTOWN GAP WHOSE FAMILY WAS CUT OFF BY COMMUNISTS

WHILE HE BIKED AHEAD. SAYS NOT UNIQUE, SINCE DOZENS UNACCOMPANIED" MINORS BEING FOUND BY OFFICIALS.

3. JAPAN

MIKI TOLD AMERICAN PRESS IN TOKYO WEDNESDAY THREAT OF NEW WAR IN KOREA, MEANS PREVENT IT, ARE AMONG MAJOR TOPICS HE WISHES DISCUSS WITH PRES IN WASHINGTON (AP, TOKYO). CHITRIB NOTES MIKI TO MEET FORD AUG 5-6, THIRTY YEARS AFTER US DROPPED A-BOMB ON HIROSHIMA; QUOTES MIKI DENIAL SEA NATIONS ABANDONING TIES WITH US, AND BELIEF THEY WILL TAKE "MORE COOL-HEADED LOOK" AT US TIES NOW THAT INDOCHINA WAR OVER. ACCORDING OBERDORFER (WP), MIKI DENIED JAPAN INTENDS BECOME MILITARY POWER COMMENSURATE WITH ECONOMIC STRENGTH OR DEVELOP NUKES; PLEDGED INCREASE JAPANESE AID TO LDCS; EXPLICITLY OPPOSED MAJOR CHANGE IN US-JAPAN SECURITY TIES. SEIDEN (SUN) QUOTES MIKI SAYING THERE "NO SPECIFIC OUTSTANDING ISSUES" TO BE RESOLVED AT SUMMIT, BUT HOPES WILL "OPEN INCREASED AVENUES" FOR US, JAPAN "PROTECT DEMOCRACY" AND RAISE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL STANDARDS IN LDCS.

MIYAZAWA COMPLETED TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH ROKG LEADERS, DEPARTED SEOUL FOR TOKYO THURSDAY (REUTER, SEOUL). OBERDORFER SAYS TRIP DESIGNED IMPROVE JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS BEFORE MIKI VISITS US. CITES KOREAN SOURCES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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AMEMBASSY SEOUL PLAYED ROLE IN HELPING BREAK IMPASSE CAUSED BY KCIA ABDUCTION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG FROM TOKYO TWO YEARS AGO, BY HELPING ARRANGE FOR STILL UNDISCLOSED ROK DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON ISSUE GIVEN JAPAN WEDNESDAY.

OBERDORFER NOTES LDP DIETMAN UTSUNOMIYA CONFERRING WITH NK OFFICIALS, PRESUMABLY IN PYONG-YANG; QUOTES MIKI SAYING UTSUNOMIYA INVITED TO NK TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL MATTERS, SO "I ASKED HIM" TO TAKE NK PULSE.

TWO MEN IN MOTORBOAT STAGED THIRTY-MINUTE MOLOTOV-COCKTAIL ATTACK ON CHILEAN SAILING VESSEL ESMERELDA, THREE OTHER SHIPS VISITING OKINAWA OCEAN EXPO 75; POLICE BELIEVE ATTACKERS WERE JAPANESE LEFTISTS (WP, NAHA).

SADAT IN CAIRO SAID WEDNESDAY US, W EUR, JAPAN OFFER SUPPLY LONG-TERM, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO COVER HALF OF EGYPT'S 3.3 BILLION DOL DEFICIT; FOUR OIL-RICH ARAB STATES TO SUPPLY OTHER HALF (JOC, CAIRO).

JOC'S DREYER IN GENEVA SAYS INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF MID-JULY TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING INDICATE

TOKYO ROUND OF MTN MAY DRAG ON" AS LONG AS FIVE YEARS.
NOTES OLIVIER LONG FAILED OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR COMING
MONTHS, PERHAPS DUE CONCERN DEFINITE STATEMENT MIGHT
INCREASE TENSIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

NEW OCEAN-GOING AUTO CARRIER "SUBARU-MARU" MADE FIRST
PORT CALL ON MAIDEN VOYAGE AT BALTIMORE WEDNESDAY.
UNLOADED 900 CARS. GREETED BY SUBARU DEALERS FROM AS
FAR AWAY AS SYRACUSE, SAN ANTONIO. USES PARKING-GARAGE
TYPE RAMPS INSTEAD OF ELEVATORS TO EXPEDITE LOADING,
UNLOADING (SUN).

KANEMATSU-GOSHO SAYS AGREED PROVIDE USSR 4.5 MILLION
DOL WORTH COLOR-TV RECEIVER PARTS (WSJ, TOKYO).

US, JAPAN GOVT, SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL TRANSPORT
SPECIALISTS SCHEDULE MEETING TOKYO JULY 24-25, TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON COMMON PROBLEMS (AFP, WP).
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NYDN CITES SURVEY RELEASED BY KYODO WEDNESDAY THAT MORE
THAN 160 CHILDREN KILLED BY MOTHERS SO FAR THIS YEAR
IN JAPAN, AND MORE THAN HALF THESE MOTHERS THEN COMMITTED
SUICIDE. QUOTES PSYCHIATRIST DR. OHARA THAT JAPANESE
MOTHERS WHO KILL CHILDREN OBSESSED WITH IDEA THEY MUST
BE BROUGHT UP PROPERLY, AND FEAR THEY UNABLE FULFILL
DUTIES OF MOTHERHOOD.

4. KOREA

MIN SCI AND TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCED TUESDAY LONG-RANGE PLAN
BUILD 25 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS BY YEAR 2000, WITH COMBINED
CAPACITY 25 MILLION KW, AT ESTIMATED COST 32 BILLION
DOLS, TO PROVIDE 52 PERCENT OF ROK POWER REQUIREMENT.
PLAN BASED ON JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY BY KOREA ATOMIC
RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KAISER ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION;
CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION FOUR 600,000 KW PLANTS BY 1978,
INCLUDING NATION'S FIRST NUCLEAR PLANT NOW BE BEING BUILT
BY WESTINGHOUSE FOR INSTALLATION NEAR PUSAN NEXT YR (AP,LAT)

5. CHINA

NYT CARRIES PORTION PEKING REVIEW ARTICLE COMMENTING
ON UN INTL WOMEN'S YR CONFERENCE. PERIODICAL STATES
2 SUPERPOWERS USED INTRIGUES, SCHEMES, TO "LEAD ASTRAY
WOMEN." ALSO ACCUSES US, SOVIETS TURNING "BLIND EYE"
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